

Follow the traffic rules and manners.

The following actions are prohibited.

Violations

- Ignoring a traffic light
- non stop
- drunken driving
- calling or gazing at the screen of your mobile phone
- holding an umbrella
- listening with loud volume through the earphones
- without lights
- riding side-by-side with another bicycle

Do you have Bicycle Liability Insurance?

There have been some cases in which even bicycle riders have had life-threatening accidents and been ordered to pay high compensation costs. Make sure to enroll in insurances if you ride a bicycle. And please consult your insurance provider in the case you use a rental bicycle.

※In Okayama City, it is mandatory for all bicycle riders to enroll in insurances due to the regulations enforced in April 2021.

Five safety rules for cyclists

1. Bicycles should use the road in principle, Keep to left, Pedestrians first on the sidewalk
2. Obey traffic light and stop sign at the crossroad to confirm safety
3. Turn on the light in the nighttime
4. No drunk-driving
5. Wear a helmet

Kibiji cycling route

Total length of the route **25km**
Height difference **23m**

The legend of Momotaro is authorized as Japan Heritage and remains related to the story of "Okayama, the birthplace of the legend of Momotaro" are dotted in this route. Everyone will enjoy cycling casually, feeling historical culture and scenery in all seasons.



Contact

About sightseeing
Okayama City Momotaro Tourist Center TEL: 086-222-2912

About the route
Traffic Policy Division, City of Okayama TEL: 086-803-1375
Tourism Project Division, City of Soja TEL: 0866-92-8277

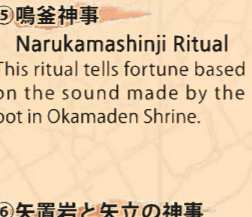
④吉備津神社 Kibitsujinja Shrine



The main shrine (honden) that looks like a bird spreading its wings is designated as a national treasure. There are Yaoki Rock which is believed to be a rock on which Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto put an arrow at the fight with Ura and Okamaden Shrine where is also believed that Ura's head is buried. TEL:086-287-4111



⑤鳴釜神事 Narukamashinji Ritual
This ritual tells fortune based on the sound made by the pot in Okamaden Shrine.



⑥矢置岩と矢立の神事 Yaoki Rock and Yatatenoshinji Ritual
Wishing yearly peace, an arrow is released into the sky in front of Yaoki Rock on January 3rd and many people gather to watch the ritual.

③吉備の中山 Kibi no Nakayama



A famous mountain that appears in "Makura no Soshi" (the Pillow Book). It is said that Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto took up his position at the fight with Ura. There is a 105-meter long Nakayama-chausuyama Burial Mound at the south side of the summit. It is believed to be the grave of Kibitsuiko-no-Mikoto.

②吉備津彦神社 Kibitsuhihojinja Shrine



It is said that the shrine was built on among the remnants of the former residence of Kibitsuiko-no-Mikoto who is known as a model for the character of Momotaro, an old tale. It is highly rated for its value as a source of shrine architecture and beauty of the shrine. TEL:086-284-0031

①白山神社の首塚 Burial mound for severed head of Hakusan Shrine



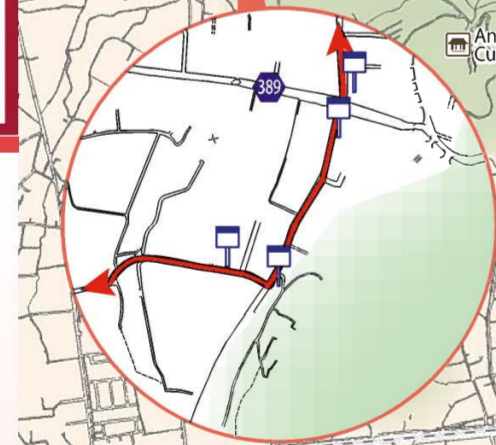
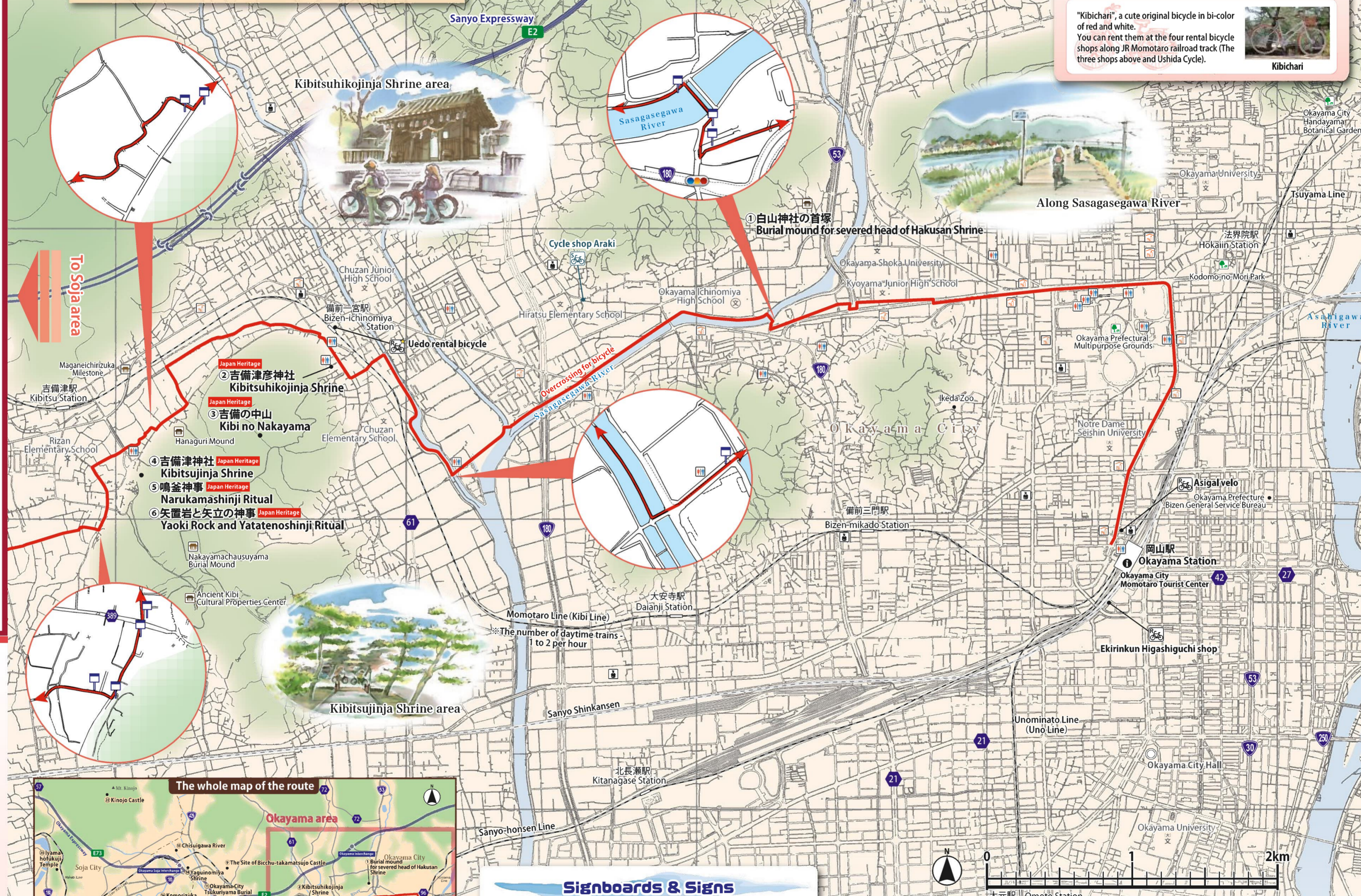
About 1.5 meter high burial mound called "Komekami" is within the premise of Hakusan Shrine. This is the place where the winner, Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto cut Ura's head and exposed it.

Let's rent a bicycle and tour Kibiji!

Rental bicycle is available at this mark on the map. You can both rent and return the bicycle at any of the three shops listed below.

- Araki rental bicycle TEL:0866-92-0233
- Takaya rental bicycle TEL:0866-93-3421
- Uedo rental bicycle TEL:086-284-2311

"Kibichari", a cute original bicycle in bi-color of red and white. You can rent them at the four rental bicycle shops along JR Momotaro railroad track (The three shops above and Ushida Cycle).



Signboards & Signs
You can find the signboards and signs on the Kibiji cycling road as follows.

Explanatory notes

- Kibiji cycling route
- Expressway
- Bullet train
- JR conventional line
- Information board
- Rental bicycle
- Rental bicycle (Drop-off available at designated spots)
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KIBIJI CYCLING MAP

Let's tour the Japan Heritage by bicycle.
Authorized story of Japan Heritage
Okayama: the birthplace of "the legend of Momotaro"
The folk tale about defeat of the ogre related heritage of ancient Kibi-Okayama was called Kibi in the past. In this area, some remains such as the ancient mountain castle called Kinojo Castle and huge stones standing along a huge mound still exist. The legend Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto defeats ogre, Ura is set in these remains. Mountain Castle standing on the precipice cliff is called as a castle of Ura and the huge stones are believed to be the shield of Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto. The winner, Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto, is enshrined in Kibitsujinja Shrine and Ura's head is buried near that. The legend of ogre extermination is believed to be the model for the legend of Momotaro based on history of the prosperity and submission of ancient Kibi. Various remains in Kibi invite you into the mystic folk tale.

- List of cultural assets**
- ...Places introduced on the map
 - Mt. Kinojo (Kinojo Castle) (22)
 - Oninokama Pot
 - Tatetsuki Tumulus (7)
 - Sentaionseki Stone of Tatetsukinjinja Shrine (8)
 - Yaoki Rock and Yatatenoshinji Ritual (6)
 - Koikujinjinja Shrine (10)
 - Chisugawa River (45)
 - Kibitsugu Kanjincho Book
 - Bicchunokuni Okibitsunomiya Ryakki Summary
 - Kibi no Nakayama (3)
 - Kibitsujinja Shrine (4)
 - Kibitsujinja Okamaden Shrine
 - Narukamashinji Ritual (5)
 - Old map of Kibitsujinja Shrine
 - Ogre's mask of Kibitsujinja Shrine
 - Kibitsuhihojinja Shrine (2)
 - Ceremonial vessel stand
 - Tsukuriyama Burial Mound Cluster (12)
 - Tsukuriyama Burial Mound (21)
 - Ryoguzan Burial Mound
 - Komorizuka Burial Mound (46)
 - Musaotsuka Burial Mound
 - Yataotsuka Burial Mound
 - Peach seed excavated from Joto Ruin
 - Okayama's peach
 - Kibidango
 - Burial mound for severed head of Hakusan Shrine (1)
 - Urama Chausuyama Burial Mound

The official website of Japan Heritage, "Okayama, the birthplace of the legend of Momotaro"
https://momotaro-ura.jp

④ 鬼ノ城 Kinojo Castle
Japan Heritage



It is believed to be a castle of Ura in the Ura legend. The area of the castle is as big as 30ha. It presents a sense of intimidation and power as an impregnable fortress.




⑬ 千足古墳 Senzoku Burial Mound
Japan Heritage



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⑪ 岡山市造山古墳ビジターセンター
Okayama City Tsukuriyama Burial Mound Visitor Center



This is the place enables people to learn Tsukuriyama Burial Mound, surrounding small burial mounds and "The Legend of Momotaro" approved as Japan heritage.
[Opening Hours] 10:00 ~ 15:00
[Closed] Mondays (Open on national holiday Mondays and closed on the following business days), New Year's Holiday (From 29 Dec. to 3 Jan.)

⑩ 鯉喰神社 Koikuijinja Shrine
Japan Heritage



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⑨ 備中高松城址
The Site of Bichu-takamatsujo Castle




The castle is a residence of Muneharu Shimizu, a military commander of the Sengoku period. It is famous for a battlefield of the inundation tactics by Hideyoshi Hashiba.

⑧ 備前神社の旋帯文石
Sentaimonseki Stone of Tatetsukijinja Shrine




It is believed to be a vehicle to fly that Kibitsuuhiko-no-mikoto used at the fight with Ura.

⑦ 備前遺跡
Tatetsuki Tumulus

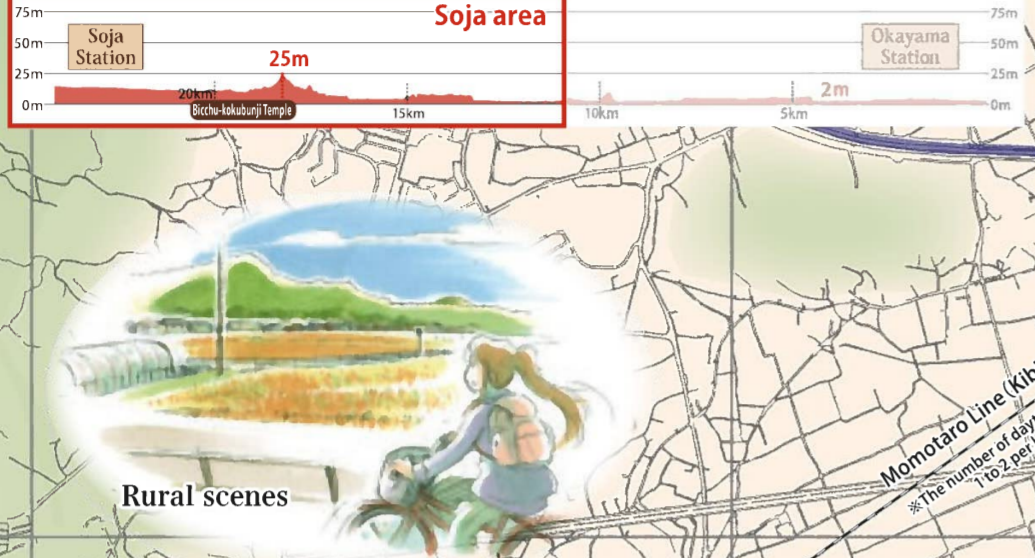


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The site of embankment of the Takamatsujo Castle for inundation tactics.

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② きびじつるの里 Kibiji Tsurunosato Center




It is a center for protection and reproduction of red-crowned crane which is a special national natural treasure. You can watch the beautiful red-crowned cranes while enjoying the nature.

③ 国民宿舎サンロード吉備路 Kokuminshukusha Sunroad Kibiji Inn



Day Trip Bathing to the natural hot spring is available. There are the restaurant with a very popular set meal menu, the bakery cafe to enjoy freshly baked bread and coffee and "San-choku Hiroba" to buy fresh produces grown in Soja.
[Opening Hours] Restaurant Market 11am-2pm (Last Call 1:30pm) Closed on Wednesdays Bakery Cafe Couleur 8am-5pm Day trip hot spring 11am-9pm (Wednesdays 3pm-9pm) Phone: 0866-90-0550

④ 備中国分寺 Bicchukokubunji Temple




There is a sole 5-storied pagoda in Okayama Prefecture and it represents the scene of Kibiji. You can enjoy watching Chinese milk vetch and rape blossoms in spring, sunflower in summer, and cosmos in autumn.

⑤ 吉備路もてなしの館 Kibiji Motenashinoyakata House



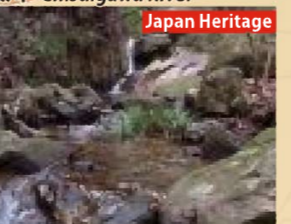
You can enjoy not only freshly made hamburgers supervised by Michelin-starred restaurant but also the popular excellent Pasta Lunch with the view of Bicchukokubunji Temple five-storied pagoda. It also has a wide selection of souvenirs made in Okayama Prefecture. The Market with food trucks is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
[Opening Hours] 9am-5pm Closed on Tuesdays Lunch 11am-2pm (Last Call 1:45pm) Cafe 2pm-4pm (Last Call 3:45pm) Phone: 0866-94-1048

⑥ ころもり塚古墳 Komorizuka Burial Mound
Japan Heritage




It is about a 96 meters long keyhole-shaped burial mound having the biggest horizontal stone chamber in Kibi Province. It shows us how powerful the forces dominated this region were.

⑦ 血吸川 Chisuigawa River
Japan Heritage



The river flows from Mt. Kinojo and it is believed that the river was covered with Ura's blood by the fight with Kibitsuuhiko-no-mikoto.

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